

REMARKS

Claims 1-43 remain pending in the application, claims 44-62 being canceled herein.

ALLOWED Claims 1-43

The Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1-43 are ALLOWED.

Claims 44-47, 51-56 and 60-62 over McDowell and Waesterlid

In the Office Action, claims 44-47, 51-56 and 60-62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/0034224 to McDowell et al. ("McDowell") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,993,325 to Waesterlid ("Waesterlid").

Claims 44-47, 51-56 and 60-62 are canceled herein, thereby mooting the rejection. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 48-50 and 57-59 over McDowell, Waesterlid, and Sandegren

Claims 48-50 and 57-59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly being obvious over McDowell and Waesterlid, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,512,930 to Sandegren ("Sandegren").

Claims 48-50 and 57-59 are canceled herein, thereby mooting the rejection. It is therefore respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

Request for Returned Initialed PTO-1449 dated April 7, 2008

Return of a copy of the initialed PTO-1449 filed April 7, 2008 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the subject application is in condition for allowance and a Notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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